

Sheila A. Olem

Biography

Sheila A. Olem, a resident of Herndon since 1990, is serving her third term on the Herndon Town Council.

Olem chairs the town's Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee and its Interview Committee, and serves on the Joint Communications Committee between the council and the Planning Commission. She also represents the town on the Virginia Municipal League's Inter-Jurisdictional Committee, the Phase II (Metro) District Commission, the Legislative committee, and as chair of the Environmental Quality Committee.

Olem served on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) in 2000 through 2007, to include service as the board's vice chairman. She has also served on Dranesville District land use committees, including the Dulles Toll Road Task Force (2000-01) and the Hunter Mill Task Force (2005).

Olem currently serves on the board of directors of the Council for the Arts of Herndon and Sister Cities International of the Herndon Area, Inc.

Olem's volunteerism includes participation in the Herndon High School Sports Boosters as well as community events such as Friday Night Live, NatureFest, the Herndon Festival, the Herndon Garden Tour, and Herndon Relay for Life, among other projects and events. She has also served as president of the Federal Water Quality Association (FWQA) and continues to serve on FWQA's scholarship committee.

Olem is an independent sales associate representing Aflac. She holds a BS in Education from the University of North Alabama, and a master's degree in Health Administration from the University of Memphis.

Olem was married to the late Harvey Olem and raised their two sons, Mike and Matt, in Herndon.